

(Read by title for the first time as found on page 932 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Johnson would like to print amendments to LB 137 in the Journal. (See pages 932-933 of the Legislative Journal.)

Your committee on Public Works whose Chairman is Senator Schmit reports 327 advance to General File with committee amendments attached. Banking, Commerce and Insurance reports LB 64 advance to General File with committee amendments attached and 124 General File with committee amendments attached, all those signed by their respective chairmen. (See pages 933-934 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 497. The E & R amendments were adopted by the Legislature on March 2, Mr. President. There was also an amendment at that time offered by Senator Beutler that was adopted to the bill. I now have an amendment from Senator Fenger. Senator Fenger would move to strike the Beutler amendment found on page 497...I'm sorry, the Beutler amendment found on page 721 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Fenger. Is Senator Fenger in the Chamber, please?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move also. It is essentially the same as Senator Fenger's. I'm sorry.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, now Senator Fenger is here.

SENATOR FENGER: Mr. President, fellow members, I think everybody in this room knows this is not the type of action I normally champion. I think it is the first time I have ever done this but when the Beutler amendment was considered last week or week before last, the time was a quarter to twelve. Four people had spoken. About two minutes to twelve a motion made to cease debate, seven red lights including mine hit that board. If this amendment is put on this bill that is one thing but I don't want it put on without proper deliberation. When 497 was on General File we removed some rather broad language. What we are talking about here is a mandatory test but we are eliminating in the original bill anyone who had religious beliefs or convictions. Now you don't have to go very far to find individuals who do not have religious beliefs but they certainly have convictions and we removed that type of language. Now on Select File what we are looking at, what is a part of that bill at the present time are the words "religious tenets, of which he is a member, or an adherent." And I submit to you that half of this bill mandates a test for people in the State of Nebraska and the other half of the bill gives a loophole wide enough to drive a truck through and if that is what you want, fine, but I want it done after proper consideration. Thank you, sir. I move the reconsideration of the amendment.